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THOSE FAVORED
ASPHALT BILLS.
Park Department Contracts
Were a Mine for the
Men with a Pull.
SICILIAN COMPANY WAS ON TOP
The Hot Asphalt Was Dumped
Into Holes by the
Kettleful.
CONTRACTORS WILL PRESS ON.
Comptroller Fitch Firm in His De-
termination Not to Pay the
Disputed Claims.

NO PRISON FOR TAIT.
Chemical Bank Officials Will Not
Prosecute the Defaulter.
They Are Sorry Their Trusted
Paying Teller Has Fallen.
He Says He Took Nearly \$16,000
to Accommodate Friends.

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No Mediation, Says Japan.
Gen. Miles Takes Command.
A Lockout Imminent.

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THE SECOND FLOOR GAVE WAY.
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Basement.
THE SEARCH FOR VICTIMS.
Three Hundred Hands Had Left
the Building a Short Time
Before.

In the course of the investigation into affairs of the Park Department undertaken by "The Evening World" to ascertain how the one-million-dollar appropriation authorized by the Legislature for the benefit of the unemployed laborers in this city, who had expended many facts have already been given to show that a large portion, at least, of the money did not go where it was intended. Instead of giving employment to those in need of work, large sums were expended for costly supplies, purchased from favored companies or individuals, and, in some cases, at least, those who obtained employment were obliged to pay a big bonus to political bosses and heeled men, in some way, had secured labor tickets distributed by the Commissioners when the work first began. "The Evening World" exposed in April this scandal, when it secured evidence that a number of Italian laborers had obtained work in the Department by paying large fees to well-known representatives of organized labor in the city, and that the Sicilian Company, Central Labor Union threatens to bring to the attention of the Lexom Committee and demand a thorough investigation. Another queer circumstance is the remarkable favor shown to the Sicilian Asphalt Company by the Park Department. The fact that Comptroller Fitch refused to pay the bill of the company, amounting to about \$50,000 for the two or three months during which it had full swing in the Department, even after the Commissioners audited and bills, gave a decidedly suspicious look. Since then further inquiry by "The Evening World" has developed the fact that, although the Sicilian Company had lost its contract for furnishing raw material to the Department, it was making a grab for a big share of the appropriation by supplying the city with tools and implements to do the work. This is claimed, is not giving a fair chance to other contractors, and is an "informant" of "The Evening World," who at one time was employed in one of the gangs of workmen laying asphalt in Central Park, declares that the foreman of the gang, who owned his position to the influence of the Sicilian Company with Park Department officials, lavished in his use of the costly material. As an illustration, he asserts that although the contract called for a depth of three inches, while the city's asphalt expert can prove by a simple inspection, the million-dollar fund was evidently too rich a graft for any man to neglect any opportunity of making a haul for it. The work has not been paid for since Comptroller Fitch's suspicions were aroused, is no fault of the Park Department. Further than this, "The Evening World" informant states that in numerous cases the contractors were wasteful use of asphalt. For instance, instead of filling up holes and holes with a foundation of concrete, or even earth, before the pavement was laid, the asphalt was poured on top of the holes, and then rolled level. Thus many of the stuff were literally thrown away, but the city, of course, was expected to pay for it all. "These are solid facts," says "The Evening World" informant, "for I was at work on the spot all the time. It is not surprising that the bills the company sent in were so big when they were using up the asphalt at that rate. The fact was notorious at the time, and workmen were talking about it. It may have remained in passing that the Sicilian Company expects its money from the city despite Comptroller Fitch's determination not to pay the bills. Its representatives have stated that a legal action is already under way to enforce the claim. The 'eloquent figures' to which President Cleveland has referred, speak very loudly in the installment which is given to-day. The expenses in the tables which follow refer to the improvement and repairing of streets by carpenters in Central Park and city parks, between March 1st and Oct. 1st of the present year. In the \$147,721 the workmen received \$23,124.85 while the city paid for the purchase of materials and supplies. Some of the items in this account seem to have been referred to by carpenter work and repairing of benches; as, for example, \$61.66 for stop-cocks; \$20.00 for water closets; \$24.48 for vitrified pipe; \$13 for slates; and numerous bills for hardware of various kinds. Here is the eighth installment of the figures for the improvement of the

THIS CALLS FOR ACTION.
Germany is Down on Our Dried
Apples as Well as Our Beef.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Indications multiply to show that the German Government is pursuing a repressive policy towards importations from the United States that may in the end call for retaliation. The latest evidence is contained in a report to the State Department from United States Consul Robertson, at Hamburg. He says that a movement is on foot by the Imperial Government looking to the complete exclusion of dried apples from Germany. The United States which are among the largest exporters of apples to Germany are bound to maintain a specified amount of sine support in the market. The Consul suggests that fruit-driers should be licensed by the German Government, and that articles made in the United States should be exempted from the duty on American products have extended to American goods, clover, timothy, etc., which are supposed to have been adulterated and worthless. Hamburg against the requirement that dried apples should be made in Germany before sale. He says that the additional duty would make it impossible for the United States to sell American apples in competition with German apples. The "Jahreswerk at Kenosha." The people of Kenosha are alarmed over the recent appearance near Kenosha Lake, of a strange aquatic animal, which, it is said, roars like a lion, and is as fast as a steam locomotive. It has been seen several times, and is supposed to be a new species of animal. A part is to be made up to send the animal.

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